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SUBJ: SENEGALESE CANDIDACY FOR VICE DIRECTOR OF WIPO

REF: STATE 222497 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. APPRECIATE REFTEL, WHICH BOTH USEFUL AND TIMELY. DISCUSSED IT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OUSMANE GOUNDIAM. HE HAD SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION OF STEPS OUTLINED PARAS 2 AND 3.
- 2. ACCORDING GOUNDIAM, TWO VICE DIRECTORSHIPS NOW EXIST, ONE OF WHICH OCCUPIED BY DR BOGSCH AND OTHER RECENTLY VACATED BY A SWISS. THE PROPOSAL IS TO CREATE TWO MORE POSTS, WHATEVER MAY BE THEIR LEVEL VIS A VIS THE TWO EXISTING POSTS. HE BELIEVES THAT CANDIDACIES TO FILL BOTH THE TWO EXISTING POSTS AND THE NEW POSTS WILL BE MATTER OF SOME URGENCY, AS HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL WANT TO FUNCTION FOR NEARLY A YEAR WITH NO DEPUTIES AT ALL. FURTHERMORE, HE IS OF OPINION THE NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE APPROVED BY A COORDINATION COMMITTEE, RATHER THAN REQUIRING FULL WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND EXPECTS THAT THAT COMMITTEE MAY MEET FOR THE PURPOSE NOT LATER THAN NEXT SPRING.

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3. GOUNDIAM UNDERSTANDS USG WISH TO RETAIN FREEDOM

OF DECISION UNTIL PICTURE BECOMES CLEARER AS TO WHAT CANDIDACIES WILL BE POSED. HE DOES CLAIM TO BE THE QTE OFFICIALLY APPROVED UNQTE CANDIDATE OF BOTH OAU AND OCAM, AND POINTED OUT THAT SUPPORT WOULD PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE AFRICA FOR A FRANCOPHONE CANDIDATE.

4. COMMENT: THE EXCHANGE WAS CORDIAL. IT APPEARS
LIKELY THAT USDEL WILL BE APPROACHED AT GENEVA MEETING
NEXT WEEK BY SENEGAL DEL IN EFFORT TO FURTHER
GOUNDIAM CANDIDACY.
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